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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anil Khatri

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

Response to Amendment

This action is in response to the request for reconsideration filed on 7/27/05.

As per applicant's request claims 13 and 15-19 have been amended and new claims 20 and 21 have been entered.

As per applicant's request claims 13-21 have been considered but they are not persuasive.

Claims 13-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Rising III USPN 6,445,834.

In the remark applicant argues,

I) "Steps to display icon representative of position information on a geographical map".

II) "The position icons 181-184 and geographical map of figure 12 are non limiting examples".

III) Image information and position information each of which has attribute date of time and both image information displaying and position information displaying specify a corresponding relationship between icons of the first type and icon of the second type using attribute data of time as a parameter" as to claim 14.

In response to applicant's arguments,

I) It was noted that cited reference fairly discloses displaying icon representative of position information on a geographical map (figures 1 and 6, column 2, lines 3-14), therefore, examiner interprets that reference has disclosed that representation and position of icon been done in energy and orientation map which allows to image analysis as depicted as in column 4, lines 1-45. Thus, limitations are met by the reference.

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II) It was also noted that cited reference fairly suggests positioning icon and non-limiting example (column 8, lines 18-40). Therefore, examiner believe that cited reference has depicted that one example of a particular scoring... across the entire scoring domain of the image set and reference also teaches in column 8, lines 35, that it will be apparent to one of the ordinary skill in art since reference has descried multi-dimensional use and use in accessing, processing global information. Thus, limitations are met by the reference.

III) It was noted that reference fairly suggested that image information and position information each of which has attribute date of time and both image information displaying and position information displaying specify a corresponding relationship between icons of the first type and icon of the second type using attribute data of time as a parameter (figures 3, 10 and 11, column 6, lines 46-65, column 7, lines 1-25 and column 8, lines 52-54). Therefore, examiner interprets that values and attributes were used in order to display information corresponding to the image, which later will be or has been stored in the database. Thus, limitations are met by the reference.

Regarding claims 20

Rejection of claim 13 is incorporated and further claims recites limitation as in claim 13 therefore claims 20 is rejected under same rational as claim 13.

Regarding claims 21

Rejection of claim 17 is incorporated and further claims recites limitation as in claim 17 therefore claims 21 is rejected under same rational as claim 17.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri whose telephone number is 571-272-3725. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on 571-272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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